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<b>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE</b>  Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	10021090-1
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	First Named Inventor	Phillip W. Barth
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	Group Art Unit	2823
	Examiner Name	Trung Q Dang
	Title: "Apparatus and Method for Making a Low Capacitance Artificial Nanopore"	

Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 17, 2005, for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before January 17, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks set forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.